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ELECTION OF OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION OF HONORARY CONSULTANTS

The term of a number of the officers of the Association of Honorary Consultants to the Army Medical Library expires this year. There will be an election of new officers at the annual meeting of the Association, to be held in Washington, October 10 and 11, 1947.

DEATH OF DR. ELLIOTT C. CUTLER

Dr. Elliott C. Cutler, Moseley Professor of Surgery at Harvard and Surgeon-in-Chief at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, died at his home August 16, 1947. During World War II, Dr. Cutler was a Brigadier General in the Medical Department of the Army, serving as Chief Consultant in Surgery and later Chief of Professional Services in the Office of the Chief Surgeon, European Theater of Operations. He was an Honorary Consultant to the Army Medical Library.

JAPANESE MEDICAL JOURNAL

The first two issues, Vol. 21, 1947, Nos. 1 and 2 (January and February 1947), of the Journal of the Japanese Medical Association have been received from the Chief of the Public Health and Welfare Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. The Association is now in process of reorganization, fashioning itself somewhat after the pattern of the American Medical Association. The Army Medical Library will be included on the mailing list when the Association is privileged to mail copies outside of Japan. Until that time, we are assured of receiving the future issues from the same Army source.

FOREIGN DISTRIBUTION OF THE INDEX-CATALOGUE

With the growing international interest in medical bibliography, there is a steady increase in the requests, mailed from all parts of the world, for older sets and current volumes of the *Index-Catalogue*. The demand is much greater than the number of copies available for foreign distribution and some of the older volumes have long been out of print. Recent requests for the *Index-Catalogue* have been received from the Western Australian Branch of the British Medical Association and the physicians of Perth, and from the Medical College Library of the University of Mysore in Mysore City, India.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

The Deputy Administrator, Veterans Administration Branch Office No. 4 in Richmond, generously expressed the appreciation of the Medical and Special Services and the patients in that area who benefit from their programs "for the fine spirit of cooperation and the many services rendered this branch of the Veterans Administration by the Army Medical Library. Your recent gift of a large number of back issues of medical journals to this branch office and McGuire Veterans Administration Hospital, combined with previous allocations of surplus medical books, have assisted immeasurably in revivifying our Medical Library Service."

ZEISS SEUCHEN-ATLAS

The Library has acquired a copy of the Seuchen-Atlas, prepared by the epidemiologists of the German Wehrmacht under the leadership of Prof. Heinz Zeiss. This is a monumental work, issued as a secret document of the government, indicating by means of overprinted maps the principal known outbreaks of the various epidemic diseases. The Library has undertaken to supply photographic reproductions in black and white, and kodachrome reproductions of the colored plates where desired. Requests for further information should be addressed to the Director.

CONTRIBUTION BY LIBRARY STAFF MEMBER

Dorothy M. Schullian, of the History of Medicine Division at Cleveland, has made a recent contribution to the Encyclopedia Americana, 1947 Edition, entitled "Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance Libraries."

VISITORS

The Library was honored on August 22 by a visit from Major General Li-Kai Chen, Deputy Surgeon General of the Chinese Army. Accompanying him were Colonels Chen-Wu Chien, Hsueh-Shih Chang, Chih-Mo-Tuan, Hsu-Tung Chiang, Shan-To Tsai, and Hui-Lin Hu.

Other recent visitors:

Mr. Wen-yu Yen, Librarian, Roosevelt Library, Chungking, China

Dr. Khun Pratum, who is visiting American medical institutions in order to help organize a national medical research center in Siam. He expects to spend a considerable time in the Army Medical Library during the autumn. Dr. Pratum was accompanied by Mr. C. Prabha of the Siamese Embassy Staff.

Dr. Thomas A. LaSaine, of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., who has been surveying the literature on public health problems of the Negro.

Dr. S. G. Joshi, King Edward VII Memorial Hospital, Bombay, India.

Dr. Tracy I. Storer, Prof. of Zoology, University of California, Davis, Calif.

Dr. Fernando Velez-Paiz, Managua, Nicaragua.

Dr. Arturo F. Cruz, Prof. of Internal Medicine at the University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, visited the History of Medicine Division, in Cleveland, on July 31. He is visiting various medical centers in this country and while in Cleveland did some work on internal medicine with Dr. E. E. Ecker of the Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

OFFICE MOVE

Several changes in the office arrangement of the Army Medical Library will be noticed by visitors. The offices of the Director and the Librarian are now located in Rooms 24 and 25. Room 26 has been taken over by the office staff. The Current List has been moved to Room 22, while Room 21, next to Library Hall, is now being used as a readers' study room.

NEW PUBLICATION

The Library is now publishing a current list of recent acquisitions, based on preliminary cataloging slips for selected recent monographs. Approximately 74 per cent of the titles listed are of foreign origin. A number of letters have been received from libraries showing an enthusiastic response to this bibliographical news service.

THE VERMIN-KILLER

Many interesting and unusual ideas may be learned from the perusal of "*THE VERMIN-KILLER: Being a complete and necessary Family-Book,* published in London in the eighteenth century. This little book, in the collection of the History of Medicine Division, tells the reader such things as how to kill fleas, how to buy a horse, the best cure for colic, and rules to "judge the weather." The following are a few choice items:

Recipe for the Bite of a mad Dog, taken out of Cathorp Church in Lincolnshire, in which it was solemnly recorded for the perpetual Memory of the Thing, that the whole Town almost being bitten, not one Person miscarried, but was cured, who took this Method.

Take the Leaves of Rue pick'd from the Stalks, and bruised, six ounces; Garlick pick'd from the Stalks and bruised, Venice-Treacle or Mithridate, and Scrapings of Pewter, of each four Ounces; boil all these over a slow Fire in two Quarts of Ale till one Pint is consumed; keep it in a Bottle close stopped, and give of it nine Spoonfuls warm to the Person seven Mornings successively, and six to a Dog . . .; apply some of the Ingredients to the Part bitten . . .

Fox to take

Anoint the Soals of your Shoes with Swine's Fat a little broiled, and coming from the Wood, drop here and there a Piece of roasted Swine's Liver dipt in Honey, drawing after you a dead Cat, and he'll follow you, so that you may shoot him.

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